schools and introduction *of* text-books are within the purview of the State Governments. As and when any objectionable references are brought to the notice of the Union Government, the matter is referred to the States for necessary action. The Central Government of its organisations do not have any direct role in- this matter.

Ifpgradation of Engineering Institutions

725. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to pick up 40 top engineering institutions in the country to make them world class institutions, with assistance from the World Bank;

(b) if so, how many engineering institutions from Tamil Nadu have been selected, what are their names; and

(c) if answer to part (b) above be in the negative reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) An Advisory Committee constituted by the,, Ministry of Information Technology has identified 43 Engineering Colleges including (i) Regional Engineering College, Tiruchirapalli, (ii) PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore and (iii) Anna University, Chennai, from Tamil Nadu, for consideration of upgradation with minimal expenditure particularly with the objective of meeting the growing need of Information Technology professionals. The recommendation including their funding aspect is in conceptual stage.

(c) Does not arise.